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USSR-CHINA: Status of the Talks

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The Soviets and the Chinese are sparring again, but they are avoiding actions that might scuttle their talks in Beijing. [redacted]

Rumors are circulating in the Chinese capital that the first round of talks has ended. A foreign diplomat says that the discussions are in recess but will resume in Beijing. According to a Western press report, a Soviet source has said Moscow intends to keep its team in Beijing "indefinitely." [redacted]

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Soviet media, meanwhile, have for the first time disclosed to domestic audiences that the talks are under way. On Wednesday *Pravda* cited comments on the talks made last Sunday by Chinese party chief Hu Yaobang in an interview with French journalists. Hu expressed hope for a gradual normalization of relations and condemned Moscow's "hegemonist policy," a statement characterized by *Pravda* as an "unfriendly attack" on the USSR's foreign policy. [redacted]

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Moscow also is again criticizing China's policy toward Vietnam. Soviet newspapers have carried new reports of Chinese violations of Vietnamese territory. [redacted]

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The Chinese have reiterated that any improvement in relations will depend on how far the Soviets go toward meeting Beijing's demands on the key issues. [redacted]

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Comment: There is no indication that any progress has been made thus far, but neither side has shown signs of disappointment with the talks. Soviet press charges of Chinese pressure on Vietnam underscore the USSR's continuing support for Hanoi. [redacted]

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The USSR is continuing to send positive signals to China. For example, the anniversary slogans for the celebration of the Bolshevik Revolution this year omit any reference to "hegemonism" and simply urge the Asian peoples to struggle against "imperialism" and "neocolonialism." [redacted]

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KAMPUCHEA: Diplomatic Maneuvering

The UN General Assembly early next week will consider the Kampuchean credentials issue and an ASEAN resolution calling for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Kampuchea. [redacted]

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Comment: More votes in favor of ASEAN's position are likely now than there were in 1981, in part because Prince Sihanouk heads the newly formed Kampuchean coalition. ASEAN hopes to exploit a strong UN showing to secure some kind of recognition of the coalition by the Nonaligned Movement. The Movement is to meet in New Delhi next March, and ASEAN is urging that Sihanouk--as a founder of the Movement--be invited to address the meeting. [redacted]

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